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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In March 2010 the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery charged **Hosain Beckmohamadi** (OP00001241) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of assault with sexual motivation, and assault — domestic violence.

In February 2010 the Registered Counselor Program charged **Diana A. Salgado** (RC00059501) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In February 2010 the Registered Counselor Program denied the application of **Robert W. Seigel** (RC60099140). He was convicted of two counts of murder, driving under the influence on two different occasions, destruction or removal of property, malicious mischief, interference with reporting domestic violence, and violating a no-contact order.

Grays Harbor County

In February 2010 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of licensed practical nurse **Cheryl Ann Hackney** (LP00040766) and placed her license on probation. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

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Jefferson County

In February 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the registration of **Judy L. Hartzell** (NA00133119).

King County

In February 2010 the Chiropractic Commission charged chiropractor **Frederick D. Hardy** (CH00001214) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly had sexual contact with a patient.

In February 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Sarah N. Matovu** (NC10046548) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of 10 counts of Medicaid false statement, and two counts of theft.

In February 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Tony Woo Nam** (NA00177206) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to provide adequate care to a patient, and notify the patient's physician of a change in condition, and the patient died.

In February 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Daniel V. Norman** (NC10095383) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

In February 2010 the Registered Counselor Program released **David R. Patten** (RC60028189) from terms and conditions set against his registration.

Kitsap County

In February 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the reactivation application of **Sharley R. Shore** (NA00031810). She was convicted of welfare fraud, and two counts of false verification of welfare form.

In February 2010 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Emilio Torrella** (LP00051104) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, wire fraud, and aggravated identity theft. He also allegedly failed to report his convictions to the commission.

Klickitat County

In March 2010 the Emergency Medical Services Program denied the application of emergency medical technician **Kerry J. Newton** (ES60095413). He was convicted of two counts of possession of a controlled substance, and possession of methamphetamine on two different occasions.

Pierce County

In February 2010 the Massage Program granted the application of **Artyom N. Davenport** (MA60112076) and placed conditions against his license. He was convicted of one count of

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driving under the influence, and entered a deferred prosecution program on another count. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In February 2010 the Registered Counselor Program charged **Ronald A. Fandrick** (RC00020513) with unprofessional conduct. Allegations include failing to keep adequate documentation of a patient, revealing and providing copies of a client's records to an attorney without permission from the client, and falsely representing his credentials.

In February 2010 the Licensed Mental Health Counselor Program charged **Sarah G. Kim** (LH00007708) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly entered into a sexual relationship with a patient.

In February 2010 the Secretary of Health charged dentist **Donald Russell Swanson** (DE00004550) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly kissed a patient and solicited a date with her.

In February 2010 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Tammy R. Watkins-Herring** (LP00058007), also known as Tammy Renee Herring, with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation on three different occasions.

Skagit County

In February 2010 the Health Care Assistant Program charged **Scott A. Bono** (HC00146363, HC60071123) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of three counts of assault of a child — criminal negligence and substantial pain, one count of unlawful imprisonment, and one count of assault.

In February 2010 the Registered Counselor Program denied the application of **Christopher Stratton** (RC60100924). He was convicted of rape, assault — criminal negligence and substantial pain, and unlawful imprisonment.

Snohomish County

In February 2010 the In-Home Services Program charged **Homewell Senior Care** (FS00000331) with failure to comply with state laws. A survey of the in-home services agency allegedly found numerous regulatory violations.

Spokane County

In February 2010 the Licensed Mental Health Counselor Program placed the license of **Tina Cronin** (LH00009898) on probation for three years. She entered into a romantic relationship with a client. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In February 2010 the Nursing Commission amended the statement of charges against registered nurse and licensed practical nurse **Ethan A. Hansen** (RN00170167, LP00057938) for the second time. He was convicted of two counts of child molestation.

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In February 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of **George P. Sessions** (NA60116696) and placed conditions against his registration. He was convicted of possession of cocaine and must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

In February 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Suzanne L. Snitchuk** (NA00188257), also known as Suzanne L. Jennen, with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of solicitation to possess controlled substance.

Whatcom County

In February 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional and Registered Counselor Programs reinstated the license and registration of **John B. Gamber** (CP00001832, RC00011410).

Yakima County

In March 2010 the Registered Counselor Program denied the application of **Perry Lavell Williams** (RC60073876). He was convicted of possession for sale of a controlled substance, sale/offer to sell controlled substance, possession for sale of a controlled substance, commercial burglary on more than one occasion, evading an officer and willful disregard, receiving stolen property on more than one occasion, residential burglary, and protection order violation.

Out of State

Virginia: In February 2010 the Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Program charged **James F. Jacobs** (LF00000856) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of assault with bodily injury, and his clinical privileges to practice as a substance abuse counselor for the U.S. Army Medical Department were revoked. He also allegedly failed to disclose the conviction and revocation on his application.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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